

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 4, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM in Currell College Auditorium by Chairman Becker.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCT. 6, 1992.

The following corrections were made to the minutes of Oct. 6, 1992:
bottom of page 1: College and Humanities and Social Sciences.
page 2: add the conjunction "and".

Also on the sixth line: ...there will be no prescription about...
page 3 under item IIID, last line: the matter was returned to the committee for reconsideration.

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

IIA. Report of the President, President Palms:

President Palms was introduced by Angela Meyers, Acting President for the day.

President Palms regretfully announced the resignation of William Mould as Dean of the South Carolina College. He also announced the resignation of Jack Anderson as Dean of the Sumter campus. Both resignations are effective the end of June 1993. He also announced the reassignment of athletic director King Dixon to other university duties. The president stated : "I have acknowledged in front of the board of trustees the contributions that I believe he has made to the institution in that capacity and I think all of us as faculty owe him a debt of gratitude for the academic standards that now exist and the integrity that now exists in the athletics programs at the university."

The university Division of Advancement has established a **marketing program** to understand how we are perceived to the outside world. This program is directed by Christopher Simpson. In the near future faculty may be asked to participate in one of the 30 or 40 focus groups of faculty and staff.

The first of the distinguished faculty in the cooperative program with Westinghouse has been appointed. He is Professor Ralph White who has a chair at Texas A & M. He is currently head of the center for electro-chemical engineering. He will be coming to the University of South Carolina beginning 1 January as chair and distinguished Professor of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

The President is in the process of appointing a system faculty advisory committee. This is in direct response to a sense that we are receiving from the three four-year campuses that there is a genuine interest in exploring with the faculty on this campus what a meaningful system might be. The resolution this

faculty passed in May supported the President's recommendations to the trustees about the eventual establishment of free and autonomous independent institutions of the four-year campuses if a meaningful system could not be defined. The latest communication with those campuses indicated support for such a system. The president said that he was "certainly committed to exploring with the faculty what a **meaningful faculty governance system** might be for our system."

The president announced that he was delaying action on his recommendations for **infrastructure services budgeting** until the core planning committee addresses some of the issues.

In response to a question by William Castles (ENGL) the president announced that the ground-breaking for the School of Music Building would be in early February.

IIB. Report of the Provost, Provost Moeser:

The provost expressed his thanks to Dean Mould for building an honors college where the average SAT is higher than at any of the elite private schools.

The **University Future Committee** will have an open meeting before Thanksgiving to discuss the evaluative process and criteria. A preliminary set of criteria will be distributed in advance of this meeting. The president and provost are meeting with the 30 budgetary units to consider the effects of a 12% budget cut over the next three years with the possibility of half of that returned for enhancement. These units will meet with the full committee and formal budget documents will be submitted to the committee by February 1, 1993. In addition there will be hearing panels to consider interdisciplinary and special points of interest for individual faculty. **All faculty will be given the opportunity to communicate directly with the committee.** The statement of the provost on this matter is attached to these minutes.

The **Arts and Sciences Committee** has asked for communications for all faculty in either of these colleges and will be holding open hearings. We expect a recommendation from the committee. We will act on the recommendation from the committee and the committee has been given a very clear charge to give us its best honest judgment on what is a very serious issue and one which definitely affects the future of this university.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IIIA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko: No report

IIIB. Grade Change Committee, Robert Boyd, Chair:
The grade changes were accepted as submitted

IIIC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Alexander Gilchrist, Chair:

After an editorial change in BIOL 635 to make the prerequisite BIOL 302, the report was accepted as submitted.

IIID. Library Committee, Patrick Scott, Chair:

The recommendations of the library committee to revise its structure were accepted as submitted.

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko:

The secretary reminded the past chairs of the Patent and Copyright Committee and the Welfare Committee that their reports were past due and asked last year's members of those committees to encourage the past chairs to submit their reports.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Mack (ARTH) asked if the Welfare Committee had a progress report on the matters recently referred to it. No report was available.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Amy Millstone (FREN) passed on a complaint from a member in her department. University policy apparently is to assign maintenance crews to remove wet leaves and dirt in the parking garages on rainy days. This leaves the cars covered with trash and tends to damage the finish of cars. Chairman Becker said he would discuss the matter with Jimmy Cooper.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM